

Construction of Police Quarters at Channagiri

31. Sri N. G. HALAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(a) the contractor who was entrusted with the work of construction of Police Quarters at Channagiri and the stipulated time given to him to finish the work and whether the work has been completed in time ;

(b) whether the Executive Engineer, Shimoga levied any fine in the matter ; if so, the amount of fine levied by him ;

(c) whether any extension of time was granted for completion of the work, if so, by whom, and the period of time so extended ;

(d) the person that is actually executing the above work, whether it is the Contractor or some one else ;

(e) the compelling reasons to extend the time for completion of work ; whether any fine amount has been recovered so far ; if not, whether it would be recovered ;

(f) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the buildings constructed are leaky ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Sri Basappa ; 18 months excluding monsoon period (i.e., from 1st January 1967 to 31st December 1968) ; No.

(b) Yes ; Rs. 14,475.

(c) Yes ; Superintending Engineer, Shimoga Circle, Shimoga. 1st January 1969 to 31st January 1970.

(d) Sri Basappa.

(e) Indisposition of the Contractor and non-availability of skilled masons, carpenters, labourers, etc., to him. No.

Yes, at time of finalising the claims, as per agreement.

(f) No. Some dampness was observed before laying the whether-proof course.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್ ಜಿ. ಹಾಲಪ್ಪ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಆ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರ್‌ದಾರರಿಗೆ 14,475 ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಫೈನ್ ಹಾಕಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರ್‌ದಾರರಿಗೆ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ವರ್ಕ್ಸ್ ಡಿಪಾರ್ಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆಲಸಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹಿಂದೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಅನುಭವ ಇದ್ದಿತೇ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

†ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಲಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ.—ಆತ ತಾನು ಬರೆದುಕೊಂಡ ಅರ್ಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾನೆ. ನಾನು ಹಳಬವಲ್ಲ; ನಾನು ಒಬ್ಬ ಹೊಸಬ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರ್, ನನಗೆ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಟೆನ್ಷನ್ ಆಫ್ ಟೈಂ ಕೊಡಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಆತ ರೆಗ್ಯುಲರ್ ಕಂಟ್ರಾಕ್ಟರ್ ಅಲ್ಲ.

Sri N. G. HALAPPA.—Is it not a fact that this contractor was only a name-lender and that another experienced contractor was behind him and he did this work in the name of this contractor ?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—I have already stated that this person was not formerly a contractor and that it was for the first time that he took up contract work and he did it. Of Course, he could not do it in time.

Sri N. G. HALAPPA.—Supplementary to (c): If all contractors put forward such a plea, is Government prepared to grant extension of time?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—No, normally we do not give extension of time, but here because we found his case to be genuine that he was ill and because he wanted only two months' extension of time, on humanitarian grounds and other grounds also we felt that two months' more time may be given to him and accordingly we extended the time.

Sri N. G. HALAPPA.—So far as recovery of fine is concerned, may I take it that as per the agreement fine would be recovered from this contractor?

Sri K. LAKKAPPA.—We have not yet recovered the fine, but at the time of finalising the claims, we will be recovering the fine.

A College in Each Taluk Headquarters

33. **Sri N. A. CHANNE GOWDA** (Pandavapura).—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of Colleges coming under the jurisdiction of Mysore, Karnataka and Bangalore Universities;

(b) of them, the number of Government Colleges;

(c) of them, the number of colleges which are situated in District Headquarters, Revenue Sub-Divisional Headquarters and Taluk Headquarters in the State;

(d) the steps, the Government has taken or propose to take, to see that a college is located in each Taluk Headquarters?

Sri N. M. KOTRABASIAH SOGI (Deputy Minister for Education)

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